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1. RECENT INDICATIONS OF ALLEGED DISPLEASURE OF PRC OFFICIALS AT THE PAC OF PROGRESS IN SINO- AMERICAN RELATIONS HAVE COME FROM SEVERAL PLACES. IN ADDITION, SINCE LATE NOVEMBER, PRC ATTITUDES AS EXPRESSED TO FOREIGNERS HAVE FEATURED UNIFORM POINTS THAT THE USG MUST SEVER TIES WITH THE GRC, ABROGATE ITS TREATIES, AND WITHDRAW ALL TROOPS FROM TAIWAN IF RELATIONS ARE TO BE "NORMALIZED". BY REFERRING TO THE "JAPAN MODEL", THE PRC APPARENTLY IS AT THE SAME TIME INDICATING THAT CONTINUING U.S. TRADE, CULTURAL, AND OTHER RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE PRC. BOTH OF THESE THEMES APPEAR TO BE WELL- ORCHESTRATED AND DESIGNED TO BECOME WIDELY PUBLICIZED.

2. THESE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS OF THIS PRC FORMULATION HAVE BEEN NOTED IN INTELLIGENCE REPORTS IN HONG KONG (FCH-14605; FCH-14604), PROVIDED THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY (REF B), AND, IN SOMEWHAT LESS CLEARLY STATED TERMS, GIVEN TO OTHER FOREIGN DIPLOMATIS IN SCATTERED LOCALITIES (TOFIRDB 315/12953-74). FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION, THEY HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO CHICAGO DAILY NEWS CORRESPONDENT SAME JAFFE (REF A) AND TO AMERICAN NEWSMAN IN HONG KONG (REF C).

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3. THE FOREIGN PRESS CORPS IN HONG KONG HAS OBTAINED ADDITIONAL INDICATIONS OF THE PRC'S POSITION FROM ARTICLES WRITTEN BY AFP'S SERGE RMENSKY (REF U) IN PEKING BASED ON JAFFE'S EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH SENATOR MANSFIELD. WE WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT THE SENATOR WILL BE PRESSED HARD ON THIS ISSUE DURING HIS VISIT IN HONG KONG AND WILL, OF COURSE, INFORM HIM OF THIS POSSIBILITY IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS ARRIVAL.

4. ALTHOUGH NO HONG KONG-BASED CORRESPONDENTS HAVE YET PUBLISHED THESE ACCOUNTS AND NONE KNOW THE FULL EXTENT OF THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THIS POINT, WE BELIEVE THAT PUBLICATION OF JAFFE'S ARTICLES WILL PROBABLY LEAD TO CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION AMONG OUR CHINA-WATCHING PRESS COLLEAGUES. SINCE CHINESE "IMPATIENCE" WITH THE PACE OF SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS WAS PROVIDED TO AN AMERICAN REPORTED IN HONG KONG BY COMMUNIST EDITOR FEI I-MIN FIRST LAST AUGUST (HONG KONG 9217) WE WOULD ALSO ANTICIPATE FURTHER SUCH COMMENTS BY LOCAL CADRES TO THE PRESS CORPS. IN TURN AMERICAN PRESS CORPS WOULD THIS LINE TO SPECULATE ON CHINESE MOTIVES IN INITIATING THIS KIND OF COORDINATED CAMPAIGN SO FAR IN ADVANCE OF PRESIDENT FORD'S ANTICIPATED VISIT TO PRC AND SO SOON AFTER SECRETARY'S TRIP WHEN NO PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS OF DISSATISFACTION WERE VOICED.

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